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Education suitable for Industry
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the issue related to Gap between education provided by academic institutions and industry required education in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether any steps have been taken to improve the situation and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is a fact that education provided in the country is not suitable for directly working in industry and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether any State-wise differences have been noticed in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (d): Yes Madam. There has been feedback from the Industry on the need to align the technical education to the needs of the Industry. However, no study has been done for understanding State-wise differences in this respect.
In order to align the higher education, especially the technical education to the requirements of the Industry, the following action plan has been approved by the AICTE:

1. Revision of curriculum: Every affiliating Technical University shall constitute subject-wise industry consultation committee (ICC) with the mandate of examining the existing curriculum and for making suitable changes in the curriculum every year. This process shall be completed in the month of December each year for the courses to be offered in the coming Academic year. Each institution, while applying for approval, shall certify completion of this process, which will be mandatory.

2. Mandatory internships: Every student in technical institution shall do three internships each spanning 4 to 8 weeks before completion of the under-graduation. The responsibility will be on the institution for helping the students in finding suitable industry or organisation for the internship.

3. Industry readiness: All students passing out of the undergraduate courses shall be imparted technical and soft skills required for working in the industry encompassing − managerial skills, entrepreneurial skills, leadership skills, communication skills, team-working skills and technical skills.
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